

World Languages Special Events Information

❑ **The Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Excellence in International Education for High School Students**

The Goldman Sachs Foundation and Asia Society announce the fourth Excellence in International Education prize program. This year a new youth prize will be added to promote the international knowledge and skills that have become an essential prerequisite for engaged and competitive citizenship in a global age. High school students from across the country will be eligible to participate in the program.

Five students who demonstrate an in-depth understanding of key issues in international affairs and the global economy will receive a \$5,000 scholarship prize each. Selected by an independent judging panel, the student winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to New York City in early December where they will be recognized at Asia Society's Gala Annual Dinner. Deadline for entry for the youth category is October 23, 2006. To have your students apply, visit www.InternationalEd.org/prizes to find additional information, including background resources on topics and formats, contest rules and judging criteria.

The youth prize will become part of the annual Goldman Sachs Foundation Prizes for Excellence in International Education, which were created in 2003 to raise awareness of the growing importance of international knowledge and skills for U.S. students. In addition to prizes totaling \$25,000 for the youth winners, four additional prizes of \$25,000 each will be awarded to schools, states, and media/technology groups that are bringing the world into America's classrooms. These prizes will recognize creative and effective programs and leaders who are integrating intellectually rigorous international content into schools, fostering effective teaching and learning of world languages, and bringing the world to America's youth in exciting new ways through the use of media and technology. The deadline for applications in these categories is: January 12, 2007.

For more information please visit <http://www.InternationalEd.org/prizes>.

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